

State of Connecticut Board for Crane Operators
Minutes of the March 2, 2016, Meeting

Members Present: Nate Brown, Edward St. John, Keith Murphy, Edward Shapiro

Also Attending: Elliot Henowitz, State Crane Inspector; David Doherty, Cianbro; David D'Ostilio, Local 478; Linda Spring, OSFM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2016, meeting – approved and seconded.

3. Old Business:

A. Agreements: None

B. Crane regulations – The Board continued with the discussion of having requirements on limiting the hours of tower crane operators. In addition, the Crane Board held a discussion on the issue of medical requirements for tower crane operators and/or all crane operators. Edward Shapiro's committee will proceed to finalize regulation requirements. This committee will meet again on March 15, 2016.

C. The Legal Advisor of DAS, Jenna Pedula, submitted various ways the Board could handle the process of addressing fraudulent licenses. Chairman St. John suggested that the wording of the drafts be more stringent and the penalty be increased from a civil penalty to a criminal offense.

4. New Business:

A & B. Crane and apprentice crane applications were reviewed by the Crane Board for compliance to the state regulations at this meeting.

5. Accidents – The State Crane Inspector informed the Board of two hoisting equipment accidents which occurred recently in Danbury, Connecticut and Naugatuck, Connecticut. The two hoisting equipment accidents were both fatal accidents involving the use of an excavator having a reach of less than 32 feet; therefore, they appear to not fall under the Crane Board's Authority. Additional information will be presented to the Crane Board for review. The Danbury fatal accident will be further reviewed by the Board since the operator is the holder of a state hoisting license which falls under our authority. The State Crane Inspector began the process of proceeding to a hearing to review the hoisting accident which occurred in Danbury, Connecticut. Chairman Ed St. John suggested to review the steps of conducting a hearing with the department's legal advisors.

Information pertaining to the crane incident/accident on the Dimeo project in New Haven was presented to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.